

The Loop



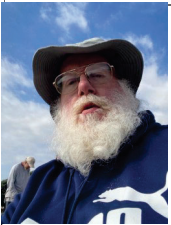
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Antelope Valley Treasure Hunter's Society

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The Prez Says....!

The President was not able to attend the October outing.

October 2023, Chili Cook-off and Treasure Hunt

As Seen Through Vickie's Eyes

Another fun and great turnout for the AVTHS chili cook-off and treasure hunt out near the club's Rocky Road mining claim. We had 27 family members, and 7 guests that showed up over the weekend. We arrived Thursday afternoon and found Rick Guethlein and Henry Konik were already there. Dennis Miller, Scotty Engle, Steve Howard and Bruce & Cindy Barron came shortly after. The weather was nice, but it got really cold that night. Friday several more members came trucking in. It was a beautiful day, and the night was fun sitting around the campfire listening to all the different stories. Saturday morning started really early. There was a nice group of members who helped plant the field for the 9 am member's only free hunt. As 9 am got closer, 18 club members started getting their detectors out to make sure they were working ok and ready to hunt. At a little past 9am Rick started the hunt with a shout "GO". Everyone started swinging their detectors and digging targets. There were lots to be found, quarters, dimes, nickels and tokens for prizes. There were also lots of other targets like brass, lead, aluminum and other misc. junk items. There were also some crazy tokens that were redeemable for crazy prizes like toothbrushes, cans of beans, candy corn, pumpkin cookies and orange peeps. Also a few smashed pennies good for a large 1oz. .999 Copper coin. It was a long 30 minute hunt and when it was over everyone came off the field to redeem their tokens. As usual not all of the tokens were found so we put the contestant's names in a jar and drew for the remaining prizes.

I think everyone had fun. Now it was time to get ready to plant the field for the 5 & 10 open hunt. Again thanks to those that helped plant the coins. There were 16 contestants who were detecting in this hunt. It was a lot warmer so slow and steady the detectors moved around the big field. When it was over the ones who found tokens redeemed them for 5 & 10 dollar bills. Again, there were some tokens not found so again we drew names for the remaining prizes. Now that the hunts are over it's time for the chili cookers to start getting their chili ready for the big chili cook-off. This year we had ten pots of delicious chili to sample and vote on. The tables were set up and the sample cups were filled. The group went through the line getting the sample cups. There was a variety of flavors this year, some were hot & spicy, some were mild, some were sweet, some were vegetarian, some were chicken and some were beef. They were all different, but they were all very good. It was a hard decision to choose which one to vote for. Now that the voting was over we had a pot luck dinner with lots of desserts, salads, breads and chili as the main course. When everyone was full and through eating the votes were counted. We had a few ties but in the end the number one chili was a hot and spicy pot made by Bruce Barron. The other winners were 2nd. Carol Fuller 3rd. Ron Renter 4th Peggy Howard 5th Rick G. 6th – 10th Cindy Barron, Connie Smith, Henry Konik, Scotty Engle and Rick Wyatt. Thanks to everyone who shared their food and made our cook-off and pot luck a success. After dinner some members went home and some of us sat around the campfire and played a few games of bingo. Sunday morning most of us packed up and headed home. Dennis Miller and Rick G. decided to spend one more night. This was a very enjoyable outing and I think everyone had a good time.

Please call Vickie Wyatt if you want to attend the Christmas dinner & installation of officers.

Dinner: Rattlers BBQ

Price: \$20 per person

Place: Leisure Lake Mobile Home Estates

Date: December 16, 2023

Time: 12:00 PM



October Meeting Finds of the Month

(Member must be present to display finds)

Most Unique
Dan Petrozzi

Best Jewelry Item
Scott Sandahl

Best Silver Item
Ron Renter

Best U.S. Coin: Dan Petrozzi

Foreign Coin: Dan Petrozzi

Best Silver: Ron Renter

Natural Gold: Sam Alexander

Best Overall
Scott Sandahl

ATTENDANCE DRAWING

Mas Kadonaga (Not present)
(\$40 at November Mtg. if no winner)

The Outpost (661) 944-1200
More Than Just a Gift Shop (661) 944-1548
Rugs & Blankets - Amer. Indian Arts & Crafts
Fine Art Gallery - Coins, Gold & Collectibles
Gold Panning Ins. & Classes - Rocks & Gems
34141 116th St E Pearblossom, CA
SCOTT SANDAHL
Proprietor

2023 Monthly Outing Schedule

	MONTH	MTG DATE	OUTING DATE	Location	Notes
1st Qtr	JAN	1/9/2023	1/21/2023	Zuma Beach	King Tide weekend BYOF
	FEB	2/6/2023	2/11/2023	Santa Monica	Planted Hunt Club provides food
	MAR	3/6/2023	3/11/2023	AVT Claim	Claim Clean-up/Prospecting Pot Luck Barbecue ???
2nd Qtr	APRIL	4/3/2023	4/15/2023	Apollo Park	BYOFood
	MAY	5/1/2023	5/6/2023	Carpinteria Beach	BYOF
	JUNE	6/5/2023	6/10/2023	Lake Hughes Community Center	Planted Hunt Club provides food
3rd Qtr	JULY	7/10/2023	7/8/2023	Silverwood Lake	BYOFood Scott Sandahl in charge
	AUG	8/7/2023	8/12/2023	Castaic	Planted Hunt Club provides food
	SEPT	9/11/2023	9/9/2023	Long Beach	BYOF
4th Qtr	OCT	10/2/2023	10/13/2023	Chili Cook-off Weekend	Plated hunts Potluck
	NOV	11/6/2023	11/12/2023	Saugus Central Park	BYOFood
	DEC	12/4/2023	12/16/2023	Christmas Party	Leisure Lakes Community Center

Treasure Hunters Code of Ethics

I will always check federal, state, county and local laws before searching; it is my responsibility to know the law.

I will respect private property and will not enter private property without the owner's permission. Where possible, such permission will be in writing.

I will take care to refill any holes and try not to leave any damage.

I will remove and dispose of any and all trash and litter that I find.

I will appreciate and protect our inheritance of natural resources, wildlife, and private property.

I will, as an ambassador for the hobby, use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times.

I will work to help bring unity to our hobby by working with any organization of any geographic area that may have problems that will limit their ability to peacefully pursue the hobby.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only.

I will report to the proper authorities any individuals who enter and/or remove artifacts from federal parks or state preserves.

REFRESHMENT VOLUNTEERS

The board voted to limit the refreshment reimbursement to \$25 per month. While we have had some delicious monthly refreshments, we want to remind those providing them that they are just snacks, not meals! So anything over \$25 is at the generosity of the members bringing them.

January	Club will provide
February.....	Pie Month
March	Don Duncan
April.....	Ron Renter
May.....	Connie Smith
June	Joe Covey
July	Dan Petrozzi
August	Dennis Miller
September	John Hendricks
October	Pie Month
November	Linda Reitz
December	Lorelei Paland

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



November Birthdays

12 - Jerry Paland

13 - Mary Black

16 - Russel Reitz

16 - Joe Stewart

24 - David Bither

AVTHS Club Merchandise Orders at Meetings Only

Club Apparel

Short Sleeve T-Shirt

Long Sleeve T-Shirt

Polo Shirts

Pull-Over Sweat Shirt

Hoodies

Hats

Club Logo Patch

And more!



Items will no longer be brought to the meetings. Please place orders with seller. Proceeds from sales are used to support prizes and food at our monthly outings.



Do you know someone who would be a good speaker on metal detecting or gold prospecting? Please contact John Hendricks (760) 535-7502 or Rick Wyatt (661) 943-1124 to recommend them.

Do you have something to post or want an Email copy of The Loop? Members can send their request to Mike at: avthnews@gmail.com

We would be happy to send it as a .pdf file. It is generally about 2mb for the issue.

CLUB

November

EVENTS

2023

November 2023 Board
Meeting November 6, 2023
6:00 pm
November 6, 2023
General Meeting - 7:00 pm

Leisure Lakes Mobile
Estates Recreation Room
48303 20th St W, Lancaster

4thQtr. 2023 Scavenger Hunt

Quarterly Scavenger Hunts: 1st Quarter January 1 to March 31; 2nd Quarter April 1 to June 30;
3rd Quarter July 1 to September 30;
4th Quarter October 1 to December 31.

No early turn-ins! All must be brought to the first General Meeting following the closing of the Quarter. Display owner must be present to win. Member that finds all 15 items will win 1st Prize—Silver half dollar. If there is a tie, the winner will be decided by a cut of the cards, high card takes 1st Place. The runner up will receive a Silver quarter. Members finding at least 10 items will receive a Silver Quarter. Member finding and bringing 9 or less items will get a Silver Dime.

1. Can/Bottle Opener
2. Drawer Pull
3. Cigarette Lighter
4. Paper Clip
5. Fishing Hook
6. U.S. Silver Coin (any denomination)
7. Bullet Casing (empty)
8. Magnet
9. Any Colored Pull Tab (not silver)
10. Canadian Coin (any denomination)
11. 1930's Wheat Penny
12. 6 Beer/Bottle Caps
13. Key
14. Tire Weight
15. Light Bulb (broken or whole)



November 12, 2023

Saugus Central Park

See directions and information on the last page.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SCAVENGER HUNT FOR 2023

The main scavenger hunt will remain the same as in previous years, possibly a little more challenging, but the rewards are the same.

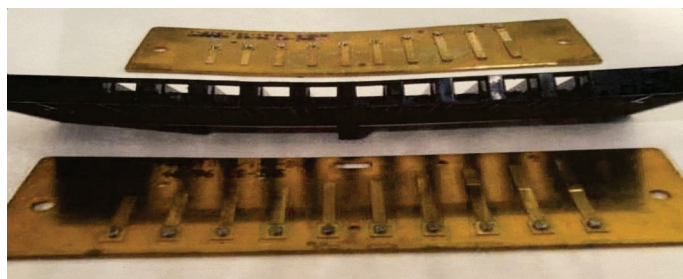
However, the finding of a “bonus item” has been added with the following rules: ***Wes Weathers***

Every quarter a new bonus item will be named. If, during that quarter, the item is found, the finder(s) will receive a small “floating” display case and a ticket that to be entered into a drawing that will be held during the December Christmas Party.

Each bonus item found will receive the same prizes and a chance to win the following prize:

- 1) A free membership in the club for the following year
OR
- 2) Silver round OR
- 3) An apparel item from the club's store.

BONUS ITEM FOR THE 4th QUARTER



Harmonica Reed

FOR SALE

Do you have some metal detecting or prospecting items cluttering up your garage or storage that isn't needed or used any longer?

Sell them in our classifieds!

To do so, please write a description of the item(s) with the price you wish to ask to Aline Hendricks at gralynx1@yahoo.com and we'll do the rest!

DESCRIPTION OF BONUS ITEM

The harmonica first appeared in Vienna, Austria, where harmonicas and chambers were sold before 1824. Immigrants from Europe brought this instrument to America where it became very popular among children (an easier instrument to master and carry than the piano) and miners during the late 1800's through the early 20th century. Travelers, cowboys, miners, and others found its light weight and small size a plus when going about their activities. It became so popular at one point that sheet music for it was created and distributed to those wishing to master the instrument.

The harmonica itself from those early days is seldom found intact at the mining sites, being constructed usually of tin and/or wood. Unusual models were occasionally constructed of finer metals at the request of the players. Those are extremely rare to fine and are seldom found at the sites of working class families and miners. Usually only the reed is found when exploring the mining camps, old ranches steads, and early homes.

Good Luck!



**Is there something you're not sure is gold or silver? Or even possibly a gemstone?
Then you need an assayer!**

**Now assaying items for the club that have been found is
Jerry Paland.**

**Contact him at 661-992-9174.
He will be happy to test any items.**

REMEMBER: Any submission for the newsletter **MUST** be in by the 15th of the prior month to be included.

"THE END OF THE LOOP"



OFFICERS

President: **John Hendricks** 760-535-7502
Vice President: **Lorelei Paland** 661-992-9174
Treasurer: **Rick Wyatt** 661 943-1124
Secretary.....

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Don Duncan..... 661 478-2409
Dennis Miller..... 661 917-7256
Jerry Paland..... 661-992-9174
Ron Renter 661 450-7821

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Welcome.....John Hendricks
Opportunity Drawing Ron Renter
50/50..... Don Duncan
Club PhotographerAnyone with a camera
Finds of the MonthHarry Surtees
Mining ClaimsRick Guethlein
Metal DetectingHarry Surtees
RefreshmentsVolunteer for each meeting
Club Apparel Dennis Miller
Club Public Web Rick Wyatt
Newsletter.....Cindy Barron

Membership Vicki Wyatt
RecyclingWes Weathers



Remember, as with the recycling collection, the proceeds from the sale of apparel are put back in the

FREE RAFFLE TICKET

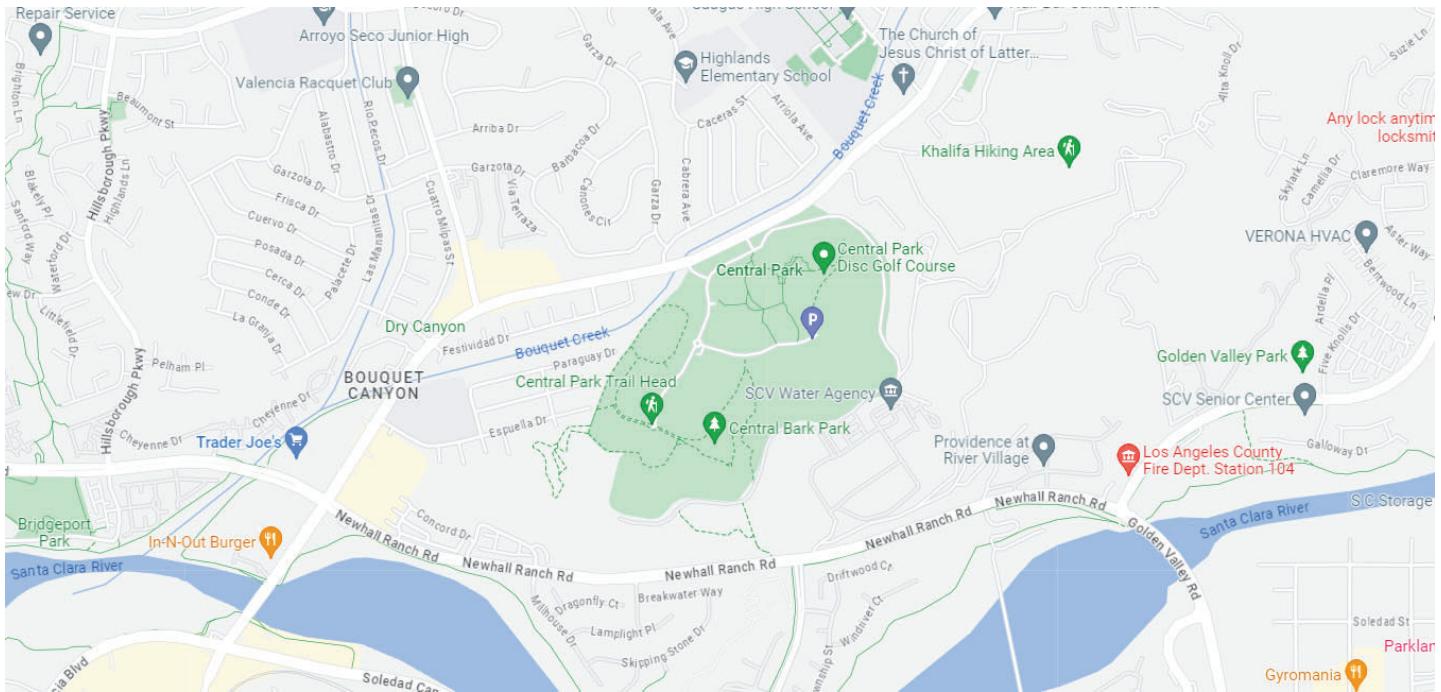
If you find your name in the newsletter and it looks like this: **Your Name** You get a free raffle ticket at the next general meeting. Bring it



Check out the AVTHS Web Site!

The Winner of the October 50/50 Drawing:
John Buck - \$42.00

This Month's Outing



Directions to Saugus Central Park- 27150 Bouquet Canyon Rd, Santa Clarita, CA 91350

Get on CA-14 S from Park N Ride Ave S (0.5 mi)

Follow CA-14 S to Golden Valley Rd in Santa Clarita. Take exit 5 from CA-14 S (28.3 mi)

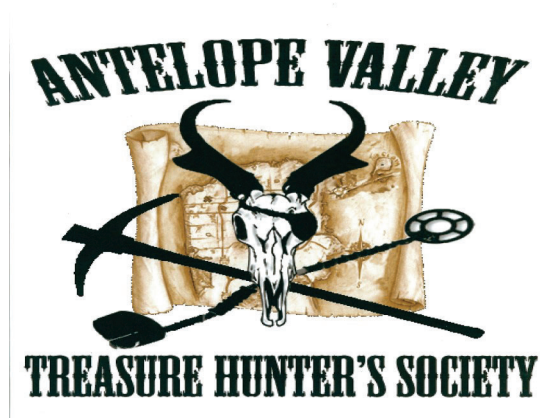
Follow Golden Valley Rd, Newhall Ranch Rd and Bouquet Canyon Rd to your destination (6.6 mi)

Meet at the Ave. S Park and Ride at 8:00 AM if you want to caravan to the park. Meet in the closest parking lot to the main entrance to the park.

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Lancaster, California 93539



**MEETING SITE: LEISURE
LAKES MOBILE
ESTATES
RECREATION ROOM
48303 20th St W, Lancaster,
CA 93534**

**This Month's Club
Outing: November
Saugus Central Park
at 9:00 AM**